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In re Patent Application of:
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FROM MULTI-LAYERED OPTICAL DISK

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-8 and 10-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an excerpt from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary is attached following page 12 of this paper.